

Remarks

By the foregoing amendment, cerium (III) has been deleted from claim 8. Claim 8 has also been amended to include a structure including R' and R'' and to recite R'' is copolymerized with a monomer or is an alkyl group optionally a -C(CH₃) group.

The amended claims are supported by the original claims. Reconsideration of the rejections of record is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-9, 11-14, 16-21, 23-27 and 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite on the basis the formula containing R' and R'' is no longer shown in claim 8 and the phrase "R'' is copolymerized with a monomer is an alkyl group optionally a -C(CH₃) group" is unclear. As noted above claim 8 has been amended to included a formula which includes R' and R'' and to recite R'' is copolymerized with a monomer or is an alkyl group optionally a -C(CH₃) group.

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by the English language abstract of JP 01-256584. More particularly, the Office Action states JP 01-256584 discloses Ce(TTA)₃Phen. As noted above, Ce(III) has been deleted from claim 8

Claim 33 has been objected to as a substantial duplicate of claim 23. Claim 33 has been cancelled.


The Office Action states claims 6-7 and 28-32 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, claims 6-9, 11-14, 16-21 and 23-32, all the pending claims, are in proper form and in condition for allowance.

Prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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